

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

December 5, 2013

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Mayes, Chairman
Mr. Bill Acuff
Mr. Duke Blackburn
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Carl Franklin
Sheriff Roger Garrison
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. J. M. "Bob" Plemons
Mr. Tommy M. Rouse
Mr. Alton Russell
Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Jerry Willis
Ms. Rocio D. Woody

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Lee Anderson

CONFERENCE CALL:

Sheriff Stacy Jarrard

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Mr. Brian Owens, Commissioner
Mr. Gregory C. Dozier, Assistant Commissioner
Mr. Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public & Intergovernmental Affairs
Mr. Danny Horne, Chaplain
Mr. Donald Jones, Investigations Unit
Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. Mike Kraft, Director of Probation Operations
Mr. Kenneth Mantle, Executive Assistant
Mr. Randy Tillman, Director of Facility Operations

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joseph Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS:

Ms. Zerlynda Fleming, Office of Planning & Budget
Mr. William Irish, Citizen
Ms. Dianne Sifford, Citizen
Ms. Kathryn Hamoudah, Southern Center for Human Rights

Chairman John Mayes called the December meeting of the Board of Corrections to order at 10:00 a.m. and Board Liaison, Simone Juhmi-Green, recorded the minutes. Chairman Mayes asked Chaplain Danny Horne to give the invocation. Chairman Mayes led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all visitors.

Chairman Mayes confirmed Sheriff Stacy Jarrard was connected via conference call and the Board meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed to business.

Chairman Mayes presented the December Agenda to the Board for approval. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was then seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff, and the Agenda was voted approved by the Board as presented.

Chairman Mayes presented the November Minutes to the Board for approval. Mr. Tommy Rouse made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Wayne Dasher and the Minutes were approved by the Board as presented.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Owens began his report by discussing the Upcoming Events for December 2013, January and February 2014. The Legislative Session will begin on January 13th.

Next, Commissioner Owens reported on the Jail Backlog count, which is at 251. The total number of probationers waiting for placement is 537. Thus, the total number of state sentenced inmates in the state-wide jail system is 788. Commissioner Owens stated the Sheriff's count is at 2,378; both counts are correct.

Commissioner Owens then asked Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, to give a Year to Date-Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Update. Ms. Heath began her presentation by explaining the budget status expenditure projection by program. Ms. Heath highlighted the administration, health, jail subsidy, probation and state prison categories. In addition, Ms. Heath went over the budget status lapse factor management for the authorized positions, funded positions and the filled positions. To conclude her presentation, Ms. Heath spoke about the overall vacant positions for the department.

Next, Timothy C. Ward, Assistant Commissioner and Chief of Operations began his presentation on the Budget Management Strategy for the Department. In his overview, Mr. Ward discussed the Fiscal Year 2014 and Fiscal Year 2015 budget request, the achievements and accomplishments since 2011, and some of the new initiatives in re-entry. Mr. Ward also discussed the budget by specific programs, personal services trend, offender trend, health cost trend, health cost per day by trend and jail subsidy trend. To conclude his presentation, Mr. Ward discussed the challenges that the Department may face in the future.

This concluded Commissioner Owens' report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Mayes began his report by thanking the Board members, Commissioner Owens and his staff for allowing him to chair the Board for the 2013 year. Additionally, Chairman Mayes gave an updated list of the Committee Assignments to all Board members and also spoke about minor changes he made.

Chairman Mayes then asked Mr. Wayne Dasher, the Operations Committee chair, and Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel, to explain the Approval of Proposed Board of Corrections Rule 125-2-1.14, Retention of Department Issued Weapon After 20 Years of Service. Mr. Jones stated the proposed rule was considered and posted for 30 days and the rule is ready for adoption by the Board if they deem approval.

Sheriff Roger Garrison made the motion to approve the posting of Rule 125-2-1.14, which was seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff and Mr. Duke Blackburn. The Board then voted and approved Rule 125-2-1.14, Retention of Department Issued Weapon After 20 Years of Service.

Next, Chairman Mayes asked Mr. Wayne Dasher, Chair of the Nominations Committee, to speak about the Secretary position and the Nomination of Officers for the 2014 year. Mr. Dasher stated the committee reviewed all nominations and the committee would like to nominate Mr. Jerry Willis for the position of Secretary. Mr. Wayne Dasher reminded the Board that in September the Board voted to keep the current Chairman (John Mayes) and current Vice Chairman (Rose Williams) for the 2014 year.. Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Mr. Carl Franklin and Mr. Bruce Hudson and then was voted and approved by the Board. Therefore, for the 2014 year, John Mayes will continue as Chairman, Rose Williams will continue as Vice Chairman and Mr. Jerry Willis will be the Secretary.

Chairman Mayes then asked Mr. Robert E. Jones, General Counsel, to present two resolutions. Mr. Jones began his report by stating that the first resolution was a transfer request for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to use the Wilkes Pre Release Center (PRC) property as a Regional Youth Detention Center.

The second resolution presented by Mr. Jones was a property resolution transfer request for the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice to use the Central Probation Detention Center property as a Regional Youth Detention Center.

Mr. J.M. "Bob" Plemons made the motion to approve the resolutions, which were then seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff and Sheriff Roger Garrison, and the property resolutions were then voted approved by the Board.

Chairman Mayes continued asking for any Old or New Business. Chairman Mayes opened up the floor for any comments from Board members. Mr. Wayne Dasher asked if the Board would consider changing the January meeting from January 2nd to January 9th due to the New Years' Day holiday.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bill Acuff, and the vote to move the January 2nd meeting to January 9th was approved by the Board.

Additionally, Mr. Dasher asked the Board to consider changing the April 3rd meeting to April 17th to coincide with the Board of Public Safety Board meeting to allow a joint meeting along with hosting the Annual Law Enforcement Supper in Glennville, Georgia.

Mr. Wayne Dasher made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Rocio Woody and the vote to move the April 3rd meeting to April 17th was approved by the Board. The location will be in Glennville, Georgia.

Chairman Mayes reminded the Board that the next Board meeting is January 9th at the James "Sloppy" Floyd Building in Atlanta.

The meeting was adjourned.

John Mayes, Chairman

Carl Franklin, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison